



California Department of Parks and Recreation

Office of Grants and Local Services

WHAT'S NEW?

June-July 2003

2002 Resources Bond Act ~ Grant Program Updates

- **Murray-Hayden (Urban Youth Services) Program**

Draft guidelines for this program are now available. Public comments regarding the draft guidelines will be accepted by mail or e-mail. An additional comment period has been implemented. **Comments are due by July 9, 2003.** If you are interested in commenting on the draft guidelines, please contact Viktor Patiño at (916) 651-8598 or vpati@parks.ca.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: The final application filing date for the Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program has been changed from November 17, 2003 to December 15, 2003. Please contact your project officer with any further questions.

This \$47 million matching program is designed to help fund such capital projects as parks, park facilities, environmental enhancement projects, youth centers, and environmental youth service centers that will employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth.

- **Urban Park Act of 2001**

Draft guidelines for this program are now available. Public comments regarding the draft guidelines will be accepted by mail or e-mail. An additional comment period has been implemented. **Comments are due by July 9, 2003.** If you are interested in commenting on the draft guidelines, please contact Don Shapiro at (916) 651-8575, or dshap@parks.ca.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: The final application filing date for the Urban Park Act of 2001 has been changed from December 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004. Please contact your project officer with any further questions.

The \$130 million Urban Park Act of 2001 Grant Program awards funds for the acquisition or development or both, of new parks, recreation areas, and facilities in the neighborhoods that are currently least served by park and recreation providers. This program creates recreational facilities that will provide safe recreational environments for children, positive outlets for youth and address the special recreational and social needs of senior citizens and other urban population groups.

- **Per Capita Program**

Final guidelines are expected to be available in July 2003. You can find the allocation for your county, city, or park district [here](#).

It is anticipated that the \$326.7 million for this program will be included in the state budget for Fiscal Year 2003/2004. **Remember that no costs may be incurred until after the funds are included in an approved state budget.**

- **Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris (RZH) Program**

Final guidelines are expected to be available in July 2003. The final application date for competitive programs is November 3, 2003.

The RZH Program is divided into three components:

1. **Block Grant Program** – A \$155 million fund that will be allocated based on population. You can find the allocation for your city, county or district [here](#). It is anticipated the block grant funds will be included in the state budget for Fiscal Year 2003/04. **Remember that no costs may be incurred until after the funds are included in an approved state budget.**
2. **Nonurbanized Area Need Basis Grants** - A \$28 million competitive fund for nonurbanized areas.
3. **Urbanized Area Need Basis Grants** - A \$3.7 million competitive fund for urbanized areas.

This program is designed to help purchase new parklands, develop new recreational facilities and to rehabilitate existing parks and facilities.

- **California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program**

Staff is currently developing the draft guidelines for this program. This program helps local agencies and community based organizations acquire or develop new soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball facilities. The public comment period and hearings on the draft guidelines will be held in either late summer or early fall of 2003.

Once the draft guidelines are developed, they will be published on the Department's website. The application due date is March 1, 2004. For more information, contact Paula David at (916) 651-8441 or pdavid@parks.ca.gov.

- **State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Grant Program**

Staff is currently developing the draft guidelines for this program. The program awards grants to local governments and community organizations for the acquisition or development, or both, of properties for active recreational purposes.

The public comment period and hearings on the draft guidelines will be held in either late summer or early fall of 2003.

Once the draft guidelines are developed, they will be published on the Department's website. The application due date is April 1, 2004. For more information, contact Jean Lacher at (916) 653-6160 or jlach@parks.ca.gov.

Project Officer Assignments

OGALS has realigned its project officer assignments. A list of project officers and their contact information can be found [here](#).

- **General Status:**

2002 Resources Bond Act: You may review the status of any 2002 Resources Bond Act grant program [here](#). If you would like a hardcopy draft of any procedural guide, call OGALS at (916) 653-7423.

2000 Resources Bond Act: You may also review the status of any 2000 Resources Bond Act grant program [here](#).

Ongoing grant programs: You may review the status of any ongoing grant program [here](#).

SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR PROPOSITION 40 GRANT PROGRAMS

Program Name	Comment Period	Public Hearing Date(s) & Time(s)	Hearing Location(s)	Final Application Filing Date
Murray-Hayden	April 25 – July 9, 2003	Completed		December 15, 2003
Urban Park Act	April 25 – July 9, 2003	Completed		January 15, 2004
RZH Block	May 20 – June 20, 2003	Completed		
RZH Urbanized Area	May 20 – June 20, 2003	Completed		November 3, 2003
RZH Nonurbanized Area	May 20 – June 20, 2003	Completed		November 3, 2003
Per Capita	May 20 – June 20, 2003	Completed		
Youth Soccer	Late summer/early fall 2003	Late summer/early fall 2003	To be determined	March 1, 2004
Healthy Communities	Late summer/early fall 2003	Late summer/early fall 2003	To be determined	April 1, 2004

ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAMS

Program Name	Available Funds	Filing Deadline
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$2 million	October 1, 2003
Recreational Trails Program	\$2.2 million	October 1, 2003
Land and Water Conservation Fund	To be determined	May 1, 2004